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GENEVA FOR TELATT/HUFFCUTT, USAREUR FOR AEAPA, FRANKFURT FOR AFN/LCL MCBRIDE, USIA FOR MOCERI, DOD FOR DIAF/VALENTINO, DA FOR DAIO-CI/COL. ODOM

1. RE PARA 4A REFTTEL, FIRST ALTERNATIVE, MOVING AFN STATIONS FROM 611 KHZ TO 1107 KHZ, IS MOST FEASIBLE/ DESIRABLE. WE QUESTION FRG DEFINITION OF TERM SYNCHRONIZED AND BELIEVE THEY MEAN ALL STATIONS ON SAME FREQUENCY. TRUE SYNCHRONIZATION OF FOUR 10 KW TRANSMITTERS COULD PRESENT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO WHICH FRG AND AFN SHOULD BE ALERT. SECOND ALTERNATIVE, NEW FREQUENCY FOR AFN BERLIN, IS FEASIBLE BUT THIS OPTION CANNOT BE ADDRESSED WITHOUT SPECIFIC FREQUENCY WHICH FRG WOULD PROVIDE. IN ANY EVENT SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS LESS DESIRABLE.

2. RE PARA 6, CHANGE OF AFN STUTTGART FROM AM TO FM IS INTERESTING PROPOSITION AND SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT A LATER DATE. TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN REPLACING 10 KW AM STATION WITH FM STATION TO COVER SAME AREA WOULD REQUIRE ENGINEERING SURVEYS. RECOMMEND DOOR BE LEFT OPEN ON THIS OPTION PREFERABLY FOR DISCUSSION WITH FRG AFTER LF/MF CONFERENCE.

3. RE PARA 8, STUDY HERE INDICATES CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND TOWER AT MUNICH POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE 15 DB ATTENUATION TOWARD KIEV AN3 DB TOWARD MOROCCO. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF ESTIMATED DOLS 2 MILLION COST AND FACT THAT COVERAGE WITH DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA WOULD BE LIMITED TO WESTERN EUROPE, PROPOSED RESTRICTED USE OF 209 KHZ BY VOA OR RIAS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE. BIB, HOWEVER, ADVISES FREQUENCY USEFUL EVEN WITH RESTRICTIONS AND LEINWOLL WILL DISCUSS FURTHER ON ARRIVAL IN GENEVA TODAY.

4. APPRECIATE US TEAM INITIATIVE IN TRANSMITTING SERIALY NUMBERED SITREPS, INCLUDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, AS DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRE. INGERSOLL

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